

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 4-9 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-3 have been cancelled and claims 4-9 have been added. Support for these new claims can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

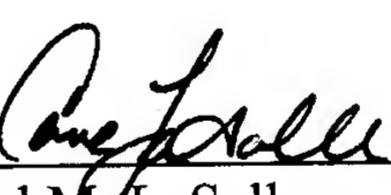
Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-090CON3.

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